

Worship

Worship with Blaine!

2 Next Sunday: Our 120th/121st Anniversary Celebration!

3 Thoughts & Prayers 4 Jan. 22: Sukiyaki Nominations

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How does God speak through the scripture? How should we engage in the mission of God?



Second Sunday after Epiphany

Prelude

Taste and See

By James Moore
Kathy Onishi

Welcome of Grace and Greeting

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Blaine Memorial UMC Land Acknowledgment

Call to Worship

Brad Miyake

Opening Hymn

Come My Way, My Truth, My Life
(UMH #164)
Kathy Onishi & Eugene Onishi

Opening Prayer

Brad Miyake

Scripture Reading

ヨハネの福音書 / **John 2:1-11 (JLB)**
Yuki Sofronas, Brad Miyake

Children's Message

Sai Hanaoka

Special Announcement

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Special Music

Here I Am, Send Me

Blaine Memorial UMC Choir

Sermon

Water to Wine

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Song of Reflection

Jesus, Joy of Our Desiring
(UMH #644)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Introduction to the Offering

Brad Miyake

Offertory Music

Kathy Onishi

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow
(UMH #94)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Prayer of Dedication

Brad Miyake

Announcements

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Closing Hymn

Become to Us the Living Bread
(UMH #630)
Kathy & Eugene Onishi

Benediction

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Postlude

Soon and Very Soon
By Andrae Crouch
Kathy Onishi

Passing of the Peace

Rev. Karen Yokota Love

Zoom Breakout Room

Rev. Dr. Jeney Park-Hearn

Today's Flowers

Miriam Tong



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Sermon Questions

- How did God speak to you through the scripture/sermon this week?
- What details from this story stand out to you? (Where is he, how much wine does he create, what does his mom ask of him, how does the master of the feast respond?)
- How does Jesus respond to his mom's request? What does this show us about his mission?
- What are some reasons Jesus begins his ministry with turning water into wine?
- How do the seven signs help bolster our understanding of who Jesus is so that we may have eternal life?
- Jesus was socially engaged in celebratory events in the lives of others. What does this tell us about how we should engage in the mission of God?

Daily Lectionary Readings

Sunday, January 19, 2025: Second Sunday after the Epiphany

- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 36:5-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11

Monday, January 20, 2025:

- Psalm 145
- Isaiah 54:1-8
- Romans 12:9-21

Tuesday, January 21, 2025:

- Psalm 145
- Song of Solomon 4:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 1:3-17

Wednesday, January 22, 2025:

- Psalm 145
- Song of Solomon 4:9-5:1
- Luke 5:33-39;

Thursday, January 23, 2025:

- Psalm 19
- Isaiah 61:1-7
- Romans 7:1-6

Friday, January 24, 2025:

- Psalm 19
- Nehemiah 2:1-10
- Romans 12:1-8

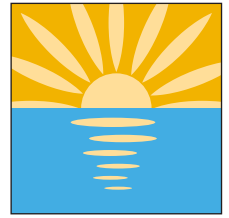
Saturday, January 25, 2025:

- Psalm 19
- Nehemiah 5:1-13
- Luke 2:39-52

Announcements

A Celebration of Life Service for Sumi Yoshioka Today at 1pm

You're invited to the public Celebration of Life Service for Sumiko "Sumi" Yoshioka for this Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:00 PM. There will be a reception to follow in the Lee Activity Center. A lifelong church member, she faithfully served as organist, pianist, choir and handbell choir director. She was known for her kindness, grace, and was an island girl at heart. Sumi's Celebration of Life service will be live-streamed.



120th/121st Anniversary Sunday Service and Potluck • January 26, 2025

On January 26, 2025, Blaine Memorial UMC will have a 120th anniversary Sunday service with special guests from our past to celebrate and reflect on its 120-year history and look forward to its further growth and development into the next 120 years of service in love. After the service there will be a potluck gathering and program with exhibits, entertainment, reunions with friends and family, and an honoring of church members who are 88+ years old by the end of January. Please join us for the culminating celebration of our 120th anniversary and start of our 121st year! We look forward to celebrating with all our members new and old and our many community friends to remember and renew our connections into the future. Please bring a potluck dish to share. All are welcome.

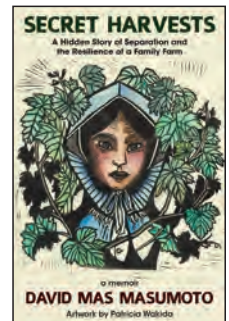


For the potluck we are asking folks to contribute some dishes to share with others. (If you are single, please feel free to bring just one of the items. If you are 88+ years old, you do not need to bring a dish. This celebration is for you!). Potluck assignment recommendations are listed below by last name:

	<p>A-H: Main dish/Salad</p>	<p>I-S: Main dish/Rice</p>	<p>T-Z: Main dish/ Dessert</p>
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NJAUMC Book Study During Epiphanytide

There's a new book study sponsored by the National Japanese American United Methodist Caucus that will begin next Tuesday (1/21). Rev. Brian Lee (Simpson UMC in Arvada, CO) and Rev. John Miyahara (UMC Navy Chaplain in San Diego, CA) will facilitate "Secret Harvests: A Hidden Story of Separation and the Resilience of a Family Farm" by David Mas Masumoto. We will gather virtually on Tuesday evenings from 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM. (PST). Below is our reading schedule:



<p>Tuesday (1/21) Parts 1 and 2</p>	<p>Tuesday (1/28) Parts 3 and 4</p>	<p>Tuesday (2/11) Parts 5 and 6</p>	<p>Tuesday (2/25) Parts 7 and 8</p>
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The Zoom link to join the study is <https://bit.ly/JAUMCBookStudy>.

Books are on sale in the Church Office for \$15.00 or you are free to purchase online at Amazon.com.



In Our Thoughts and Prayers

As a Church and people who believe in the power of prayer, let us continue to lift up these persons in the joys and concerns that they are experiencing in their lives.

Those mourning the passing of loved ones

- **Calvin “Cal” Hoshibata**, 79, passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 5, 2025. He is survived by his wife Lorraine, daughter Kristi (Steven) and three grandchildren (Madyson, Taylor and Bryce). *A public Celebration of Life will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, February 8, 2025 at 11:00AM with a reception to follow in the LAC.*
- **Sumiko “Sumi” Kono Yoshioka**, 89, went home to be with the Lord on Sunday, September 15, 2024. A lifelong Blaine Memorial church member, she faithfully served as the choir and handbell choir directors, organist and pianist. She was known for her kindness, grace, and was an island girl at heart. Sumi is predeceased by her husband Art; survived by her children Tom (Roberta) Yoshioka, Ann Yoshioka, Steve (Beverly) Yoshioka, and Lynn (Stephen Cavit) Yoshioka. Sumi is also survived by her grandchildren Misa Yoshioka, Alex Yoshioka, Emily Yoshioka, Caleb Yoshioka, and Maddie Cavit; sister Midori Thiel, sisters-in-law Barbara Kono and Helen Kono, and many nephews and nieces. *A public Celebration of Life will be held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Sunday, January 19, 2025 at 1:00PM with a reception to follow in the LAC.*
- **Kenji Onishi**, 97, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, October 30, 2024. He lived life fully, grounded in faith, with practical optimism and a genuine love and respect for others. Predeceased by his loving wife, Martha, Kenji is survived by his four kids (Rob/Chris, Eugene/Kathy, Phil, and Leann), eight grandkids, one great-grandson, and numerous nieces and nephews. Remembrances may be made to Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or FIUTS (Foundation for International Understanding Through Students). Kenji and Martha Onishi’s public Celebration of Life service was held at Blaine Memorial UMC on Saturday, December 14, 2024.
- **Toshiko “Toshi” Okamoto**, 101, a beloved church member, passed away peacefully on Sunday, October 27, 2024 at Nikkei Manor. She is survived by her sister Kachi; her four children Joyce, Susan, John and Sheila; her nine grandchildren; and her nine+ great-grandchildren. Remembrances may be made to Keiro NW, Blaine Memorial United Methodist Church or NVC Foundation.

Families in mourning of their furry companion

- The Rev. Cruz Santos Family mourning the loss of their dog, Rocky Santos on Tuesday, January, 14, 2025.

Those in cancer treatment or remission

- Jerolyn Yoshihara • Jennifer Lew
- Quy Phi • Nikki Palmer
- Dean Tsuchida • Chuck Sitkin

Those with health concerns, recovery

- Marilyn Odama • Kelly Nakata • Suma Yagi
- Pui Chung Ngao Wong • Greg Ogata • Sam Wakasugi
- Wyman Martin • Sam Wakasugi • Alejandro Escalante
- Madison Kelly • Marcia Takahashi • Rev. Shigeharu Ago

Celebrations

- Congratulations to Lynne Onishi who recently was announced as a 2025 RMN Reconciling Fellow from the Reconciling Ministries Network!
- Congratulations to all who are celebrating January birthdays and anniversaries!

For our United Methodist Church

- We continue to pray for The United Methodist Church’s journey through a time of significant change as we navigate new ways to live into that new reality.

For our community, nation, and world

- We pray for a peaceful transition of power on Inauguration Day and we ask that you make wise the leaders of the United States of America. We pray for the leaders we have elected, those in power or about to assume office. Guide them and us to be joint participants — not in amassing personal wealth, status or power and spreading fear, hatred and division — but to work as you intend — for all people and for all of humanity. May they execute both justice and peace, both righteousness and mercy, and both goodness and beauty on behalf of our country.
- We pray for many emotions and uncertainties laced with hope at the news of the agreed ceasefire between Hamas and Israel. We pray for the cessation of violence moving towards peace and the successful exchange/return of hostages and prisoners.
- We pray for everyone who is in Southern California and for those who have evacuated from their homes, for those who have perished in the wind-driven wildfires, for those who have lost their homes, for our first responders, and for the firefighters.
- We pray for everyone who is working to survive in the freezing temperatures in otherwise normally-temperate areas of the United States of America.
- Prayers for the Ukrainian people, for protection and peace between Ukraine and Russia.



Blaine’s Benefit Sukiyaki Nominations

Due Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Blaine Memorial UMC’s Annual Sukiyaki will be on Saturday, March 1, 2025. Currently, the Sukiyaki Committee is seeking nominations for a beneficiary for the upcoming Sukiyaki event. Please submit a brief description of your recommended beneficiary recipient to the Church Office by Wednesday, January 22, 2025 (for review and approval by Ad Board). Beneficiary Nominations Forms are available in the Church Office.

If you have any questions, please contact Yuki Sofronas at blaineoffice@yahoo.com.

Prayer and Coffee • Wednesday, January 22, 2025

Join Rev. Karen for prayer and community on Wednesday (1/22/25) at 9:00AM on Zoom.

This is a great way to start your morning, clear and center your mind, all while connecting with God and your prayer community. Hope to see you on Wednesday.



Video: “A Season of Stewardship: Blaine Memorial UMC Supports Kimball Elementary”

With challenges such as food insecurity, a harsh economy, and homelessness, Blaine Memorial UMC has teamed with Kimball Elementary School to provide dinners through Thanksgiving Meals and presents through the Giving Tree.

Several members of the Blaine Memorial UMC Community, including its Blaine Youth Group (BYG), share what makes this lay-led ministry vital to the families in the neighborhood.

Visit <https://blaineonline.org/original-videos> to view this story and more!

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All are welcome here!

Our core belief is that each person is a beloved child of God — whose giftedness we value and whose presence and participation are a blessing to our community, and to the Kin-dom of God in the world.

Blaine Memorial UMC celebrates God’s gift of diversity and values the wholeness made possible in community equally shared and shepherded by all. We welcome and affirm people of every gender identity, gender expression, and sexual orientation, who are also of every age, race, ethnicity, physical and mental ability, level of education, and family structure, and of every economic, immigration, marital, and social status, and so much more.

We acknowledge that we live in a world of profound social, economic, and political inequities. As followers of Jesus, we commit ourselves to the pursuit of justice and pledge to stand in solidarity with all who are marginalized and oppressed.

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Ways to Give “Every person must bring a gift in proportion to God’s blessings upon you.” (Deut. 16: 17)

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